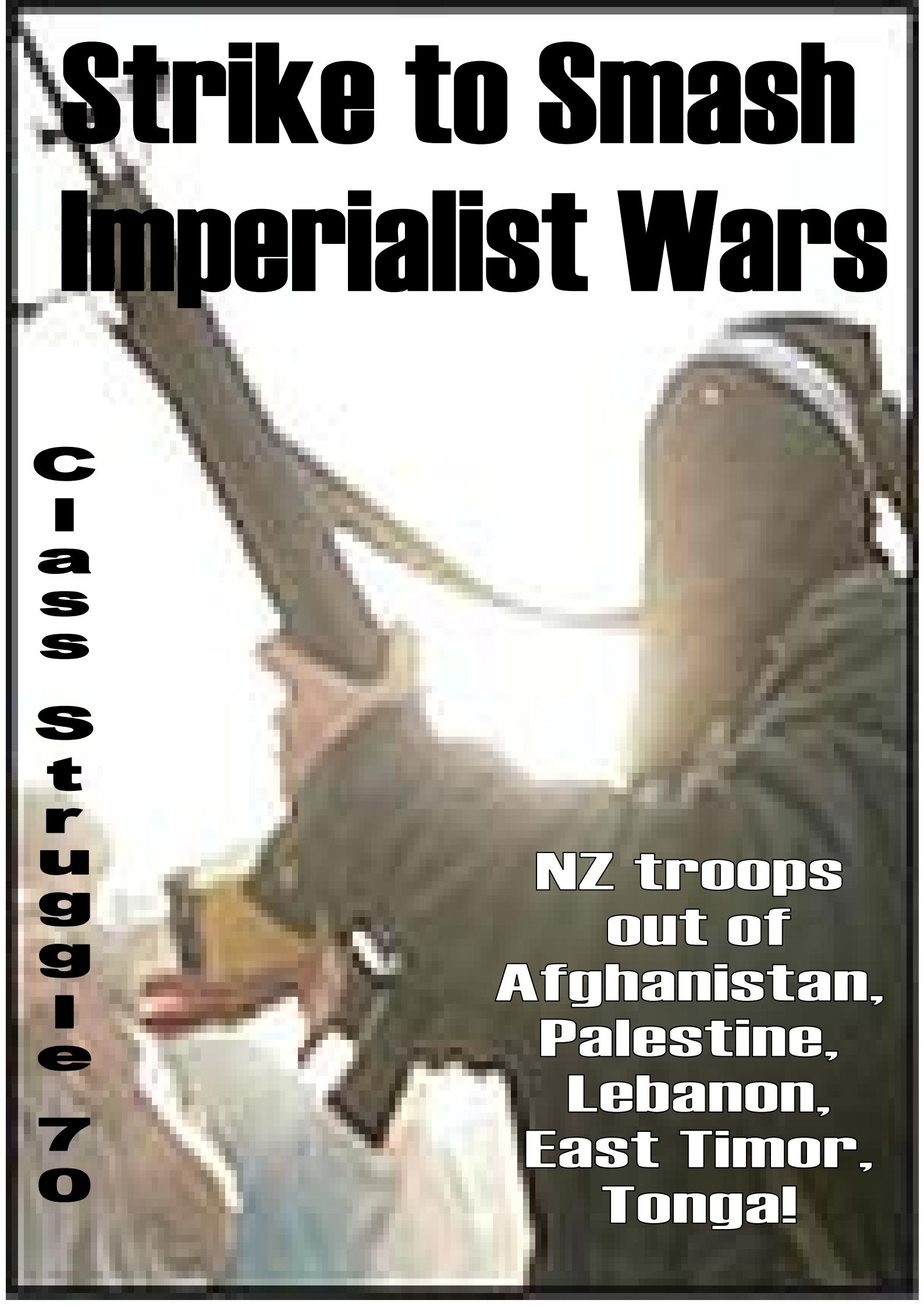


Strike to Smash Imperialist Wars

Class struggle
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**NZ troops
out of
Afghanistan,
Palestine,
Lebanon,
East Timor,
Tonga!**

March 17: 4 years of war on Iraq

General strike to smash the Bush/Blair/Howard War machine!

The anti-war movement is neither anti-war nor a movement. Its pacifism means that it will not fight the bosses war by the methods of class war. It is useless and pathetic.

It resorts to marching and voting to put moral pressure on governments to "bring the troops home". The election of the US Democrats who now endorse Bush's new 'surge' to pacify Iraq proves this strategy is bankrupt.

It is not a movement because it stops the real opposition to war taking the form of a massive international general strike to incapacitate the imperialist war machine.

Nor does it back the victory of the anti-imperialist resistance unconditionally. Instead of defending Iraq and Iran from invasion without conditions, the Western left says that the resistance must be democratic before it can be supported.

So it puts moral reservations on the resistance led by Mullahs or Islamic 'fundamentalists' (some of whom were previously on the US payroll) while facing an imperialist enemy that locks up suspects in their Guantanamos, tortures them in their Abu Graibs, massacres them indiscriminately in their Fellujas, and bombs civilians in Southern Lebanon, Gaza and Nasraf!

To stop the US/UK/Australian war on Iraq and the imminent threat to attack Iran, we need to turn this bosses war for oil and the other spoils of empire into a revolutionary war to overthrow imperialism and capitalism.

To do this it is necessary to destroy the war machine by unleashing an international general strike against the war, by inciting mass desertions, and by arming the anti-imperialist resistance to defeat the invading, occupying armies.

In Aotearoa/NZ, the Labour Government refrained from joining the 'coalition of the willing' as it did not have UN authorisation. But that did not stop Labour endorsing the US-led 'war on Terror' and passing vicious 'anti-terrorist' laws to restrict our political rights.

Where the UN has passed resolutions authorizing the invasion of Afghanistan, and more recently in Iraq, NZ sent troops, engineers and so-called 'peacekeepers'.

Most recently NZ has sent troops to Southern Lebanon as part of the UN 'peacekeeping' operation. Here NZ is participating in the imperialist occupation of Lebanon defending Israel from the mass popular armed resistance of Hezbollah.

- **For an international general strike to force US/UK/Australian etc troops out of Iraq!**
- **UN/NATO troops out of Afghanistan, Palestine and Lebanon!**
- **Victory to the resistance fighters of Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine and Lebanon!**
- **Defend Iran from imperialist attack!**

Union fights

Engineers Union officials cave in to Air New Zealand

Are the officials of the EU on the attack or on the defensive?

For all the fighting talk, we suspect all the fight of the EU leadership is to save the members jobs, at the cost of union members wages and conditions. That would put workers on the defensive and if the EU officials get away with it could end up with a sellout of wages and conditions. However, we hear that the SFWU members have so far refused to budge on concessions, preventing the EU leadership from doing their sellout deal. Some EU members are angry that their leaders gave in so easily, while the SFWU did not.

Air NZ repeatedly threatens to sack workers and to contract out services.

The threat of contracting out services, is essentially the threat of a lockout and a new workforce being employed. Of course the replacement workforce would be employed on lesser wages & poorer conditions, and so the result for the working class overall would be a loss. The workers on site are forced onto the defensive. Rank and File workers need to organise to fight to defend wages and conditions against the threat of redundancy or lockouts. No concessions on conditions!

How can workers fight a defensive struggle?

When their officials are likely to be pushed over in negotiations what will workers options be – to resist the sell outs. To organise effectively would mean having plans in place to defend the workplace in case the employer sacks anyone (ie. one worker is locked out) or if the employer locks out the whole workforce and tries to bring in casual labour. Where there are two unions on site all the workers will have to work together to defend the site, and then will need the support of other workers from the local area to build effective pickets.

A **workers defence committee** (not tied to either union, but with members of both) is needed to organise actions on site. Workers need to have a plan in place to be ready and able to call an emergency stopwork meeting (eg. if someone was sacked). The workers committee needs to demand financial support from all unions on site. The committee needs to develop telephone / cellphone / email communications to be able to call together enough workers to build a picket at short notice. The committee needs to send delegations to other union sites in the local area. This sort of committee can be started in an informal way, right now, with just a few workers.

A **workers strike committee** can be ready for action before the employer starts a fight. It can give the workforce a real option. Instead of defeat in negotiations, it can take the fight to the employer. Real pickets will stop all work occurring on site. No-one enters & no-one leaves, without the authorisation of the workers committee running the picket. Once work has been

stopped then the value of our work is proven to the employer – they can no longer bank their profits from workers labour.

Pickets are a rehearsal for an occupation of the site.
In an occupation, like an effective picket, the workers committee is in control of the site. And also workers lock out the management.

Multi- Union Collective Agreements – on any site where there is more than one union we advocate all those workers uniting to fight for jobs, living wages and decent conditions for all workers.

- **Jobs for All – reduce the working week until there is full employment.**
- **A Living Wage**
- **Prepare for mass pickets against any lockouts.**
- **For united working class action.**

A **Class Struggle** Leaflet, by Communist Workers Group.
6th February 2007
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Health Workers resist cuts

Health workers have been taking industrial action including strike action in support of better conditions and cost of living increases to wages. Radiation therapists, porters, contracted cleaners and caterers, nurses, junior doctors and radiographers are among the list of groups in the health sector that have taken strike action. In the case of junior doctors their strike action was an historic first.

Years of governments' neglect of health services have given District Health Boards (DHB) management the role of cutting costs. This has occurred through sinking wages (relative to inflation) and limiting access to services (through unrealistic waiting lists), and lack of availability of services. The state is not funding hospitals adequately. Funding does not keep up with the rate of inflation for hospitals generally and the costs of new technology available to hospitals – eg. costs of new medications, equipment. The buying power of the DHBs is falling and they have been passing this on to health workers. That has meant the buying power of health workers wages was falling. The strike action in support of pay claims is a response to this, in defence of wages and against the cuts in health spending.

Radiation therapists claimed a 5% pay rise. But in the settlement they will get a 1% increase backdated to April last year, a further 1.5% backdated to October and a further 2.5% from July this year. Their 5% total was spread over 2 years. Compare this with the increase in cost of living in the same period and this settlement is a net loss.

The capitalist state (run by that Labour government) put District Health Boards into the position where DHB's have to try to keep wage rises below the rate of inflation. The morality of the capitalist state is such that it leaves people to die on waiting lists. It pays more to pharmaceutical company's for medication, than the

cost of operations people are waiting for. It pays heaps for flights to Australia and accommodation and treatment there – rather than fund a tiny pay rise to recruit more staff and provide more places in NZ hospitals. Such is the neglect by the capitalist state of our health system.

Why? Capitalism will pay only for the health of those workers it needs. It will try not pay for those who are unable to work or who are easily replacable. Therefore the role of the healthcare workforce in capitalist society is to ensure that the workers are ready and able to return to work as needed by the capitalists. So when there is record low unemployment state funding is cut and workers are increasingly expected to pay for their health in the private profit-making sector. The morality of the state is not to provide healthcare, but workers to make profits for the bosses.

However, many health workers have altruistic values – they work in health because they wish to help others. Headlines such as, "Patients hurt more by dispute"- *The Press*, Wednesday, 10 January 2007, show the difficulty healthcare workers face in defending their wages and conditions through strike action. Patients affected by pay disputes include men with prostate cancer, women with breast cancer and patients with advanced cancers having radiotherapy for pain relief. It is a very difficult decision for health workers to take strike action. We think that when health workers take the serious decision to strike it shows how dangerous the under-funding of health services is.

A Private Health system has emerged in NZ, with private hospitals, trusts and capitalist ownership. Workers as individuals can gamble on their health by betting (or not) with insurance companies if they will need private healthcare. Capitalists can choose to protect themselves and some of their workers through workplace health insurance schemes.

If a person cannot get an operation through the Public system some could afford to pay to go and do it in a private hospital. But most cannot afford it or private health insurance which means that the poor die more often from lack of healthcare. Private providers can choose their work and may choose only the profitable tasks which are usually subsidised by the public training of the medical staff. Private healthcare is basically parasitic on the publicly funded system.

In a workers state, the role of a health workforce would be to maximize the strength (& health) of the working class. Workers need a quality health system; organized by workers for workers. The working class in taking power would want workers in control of all hospitals (without compensation to the private capitalists – workers built all those hospitals anyway).

- **For free quality public health services**
- **A living wage for all**
- **For workers control of all health services – no compensation to private capitalists**
- **For a Socialist Aotearoa**

International Campaign to free the prisoners of Las Heras

Greetings to the comrades of the Fraction Leninist-Trotskyist

The CWG as a revolutionary voice for the oppressed masses in the Pacific, expresses its support for the imprisoned oil workers of Las Heras and solidarity with those on the outside including their families who struggle daily against the oppression of Kirchners gendarmerie.

As internationalists, we are profoundly aware of the need to show that the workers of Las Heras are not isolated in some far off forgotten corner of the world. The comrades of the FLT vanguard (we do not say this lightly), have clearly shown that they possess the most advanced militant support for the Santa Cruz oil workers.

As the February campaign builds to mark the 1 year since the beginning of the oppression in Las Heras, there is much to be done to strengthen the groupings within the FLT where cadres are in daily struggle against the betrayers of the World Social Forum, CONLUTAS and Morales.

Within Argentina at the ground level, the LOI-CI is given the difficult task of struggling against a union bureaucracy that continually undermines all efforts to generalise workers struggle in the direction of revolutionary action. The collective of the FLT exists so that no single organisation is left with the burden of struggling alone. This is an important task of our mandate as the FLT.

The importance of the solidarity campaign for the oil workers of Santa Cruz is in the context of the imperialist build up to lay siege to all the world's oil supplies and energy

resources. Just next door in Las Islas Malvinas (Falkland Islands), the British control an area of Argentine sovereign territory that potentially could yield 500,000 barrels of oil/ day. This spells the beginning of future military operations launched from the Malvinas by the US and Britain against the workers of Santa Cruz, Patagonia and beyond.

The campaign to support the workers of Las Heras goes beyond the aspects of work conditions and wages. It is the wider political strategic plunder that is being planned in Washington and London that is at the heart of what is being controlled currently in the interests of the oil Barons of REPSOL.

It is necessary as part of the Las Heras solidarity campaign to spell out this much bigger question. More importantly is the need to convince the workers of this argument; this is the challenge for the comrades of the FLT.

Here in Aotearoa-NZ and the Pacific as part of the FLT, the CWG endeavours to convey and widen the struggle being fought on all fronts by workers internationally so that they never feel isolated and abandoned. Our efforts are to make sure that 'Las Heras', 'Huanuni' and 'Oaxaca', are on the lips of every worker in every part of the world and that eventually every worker comes to identify with those struggles.

Arohanui and Solidarity

A year after their imprisonment by Kirchner's government they are still in jail!

Freedom for the workers of Las Heras!

- **We want back Julio Lopez alive!**
- **Acquittal for the more than 4,500 worker and popular fighters prosecuted by the bosses' "justice"**
- **Prosecution and punishment for all the genocidal murderers of yesterday and today's repressors!**

In February, 2006 at Las Heras, Santa Cruz Province, Argentina, a ferocious attack on the workers and exploited in this Patagonian city by Kirchner's pro-imperialist government, a servant to oil monopolies.

There was a strike by the oil workers confronting Repsol and the rest of big oil. They were fighting for their just demands: wage increases, not to the capital gains tax applied... on wages!, and for equal contract conditions and benefits for every worker in the oil companies; they were also demanding freedom for one of their leaders that had been put in jail by the repressive forces sent by the bosses. Kirchner's government, with the open complicity of the oil union bureaucracy answered the strike with a tough repression. Las Heras was occupied by the gendarmes, the police and undercover agents from the political security police (SIDE) who raided every home, terrorizing the workers and their wives, children and friends.

The workers and many of their relatives, including young boys in some cases, were arrested by the repressive forces, which beat and tortured them. Those who were not found were searched for and persecuted. Today comrades Rosales, Bilbao, Pérez, Cortés, Catrihuala, Padilla and González are still in prison. Las Heras is still a occupied town, as gendarmeria troops reign in it. The gendarmes control the oil fields and distilleries, checking the entrances and watching the workers in their jobs. Meanwhile the government and Judge Ruata, who has given proof of outstanding cruelty in her decisions, are preparing their judgment with the open determination of condemning them.

The imperialist oil companies, all the Argentine bosses and Kirchner government that together inflicted this hard

Picket at Las Heras



repression and defeat on the workers and the people in Las Heras, are the same ones that soon afterwards attacked the whole of the Argentine workers, imposing the collective bargains of 2006 with a miserable "root" of 19% on the wage increases (the peso devaluation in early 2002 had eaten more than 70% of the already meagre real wages of the Argentine workers though Argentine economy was growing more than 7% yearly since), with the help of the treacherous union misleaderships.

In the eve of the first anniversary of these developments, the undersigned declare that we are decided to

fight until all the Las Heras comrades are free, and call all the worker, student, peasant and popular fighter organizations in Argentina, the whole Americas and the world to join us and fight together for their freedom, and also for the acquittal of the thousands of worker fighters that in Argentina are being prosecuted by the bosses' "justice".

We call these organizations to pronounce and to sign declarations and calls, to take actions in front of the Argentine embassies and consulates, to send telegrams and faxes repudiating the persecution on the workers and demanding freedom for Las Heras' fighters still in jail. For this end, we encourage them to build up strikes, rallies, etc., and to converge on February 7, 2007 in a great International Day of Working Class Struggle for these demands.

In Argentina, we call to all the worker, student, popular and fighting organizations to put in place a National Struggle Committee for these demands, to put in place on next February 8 demonstrations, rallies, strikes, etc., all over the country, and converge in a huge demonstration in Buenos Aires City, marching to the Casa de la Provincia de Santa Cruz (House of the Province of Santa Cruz in Buenos Aires City), to demand:

- **Immediate and unconditioned freedom for the 7 workers of Las Heras still imprisoned and for all the political prisoners!**
- **Out of Las Heras, the gendarmerie and all the repressive services!**
- **We want back Julio López, alive!**
- **Acquittal for the more than 4,500 worker and popular fighters that are being prosecuted and persecuted in Argentina!**
- **Judgment and punishment for all the genocidal murderers of yesterday and today's repressors!**

For an International Day of Struggle on February 7, 2007!

In Buenos Aires City!

Everybody marching to the Casa de la Provincia de Santa Cruz!

Signed:

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ELECTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES

A Victory for the US imperialists

The victory of the Democrats on November 7 in the US mid-term elections gave them control of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The victory was widely hailed as a vote of no-confidence in Bush's war in Iraq. Chávez, Castro and other leading figures of World Social Forum congratulated the Democrats calling the victory "a defeat for neoliberalism". The fake Trotskyists also said that the result of the election was a "defeat of Bush". Nothing could be further from the truth.

The only defeat for Bush was that inflicted by the Iraqi Resistance and the militancy of US workers!

The defeat for Bush was inflicted by the heroic Iraqi resistance and the flood of body bags coming home, and not the 'rebellion of the voters' lauded by the fake Trotskyists. It was the Iraqi bullets and not the American ballots (which can never 'defeat' the bourgeoisie) that counted in the election. It was the defeat inflicted by the Palestinian people and the oppressed people of Southern Lebanon that defeated and humiliated the military machine of the Zionist-fascist state of Israel, acting as the US gendarme in the Middle East.

It was the defeat inflicted by the awakening of the US working class mobilising against the war – like the Movement of the Million Workers against the war; more than 1,500 demonstrations against the war; the thousands of local committees that built giant mobilizations fighting the bosses offensive against work conditions to casualise and drive up the rate of exploitation; and the campaigns that organized to defend the workers left to die by the state in hurricane Katrina.

It was the massive upsurge of millions of Latino migrants, treated as pariahs in the US, who organized a national strike on 1st May. It was the Spanish workers who on March 2004 rallied to the cry: "The war is yours, the dead are ours"; and the heroic young workers who in 2005 set alight the cities in France to the battle cry: "Every night we will make Paris a Baghdad".

It was these heroic resistance struggles that has broken the teeth of the imperialistic offensive, the "war on terror" against the "axis of evil", launched by Bush in 2001 on behalf of imperialist finance capital, in response to the revolutionary upsurges in the semi-colonial world like in Ecuador, Palestine, Indonesia followed by Argentina and Bolivia, and the world economic crisis that hit the US and saw Wall St lose 8 trillion dollars in one year.

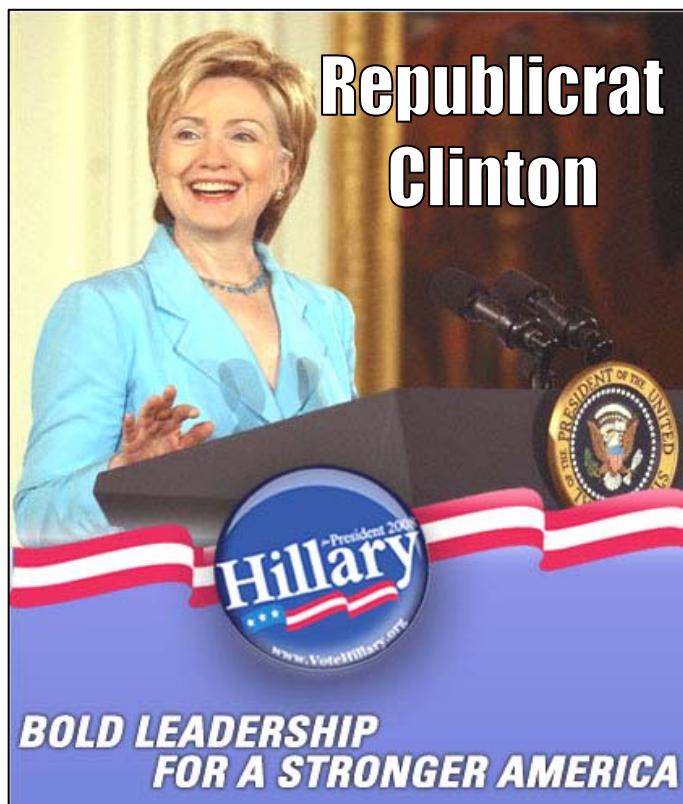
The objectives of this counter-offensive were clear: US imperialism had to redesign the map of the semi colonial world to grab control of the vital oil reserves and pipelines, raw materials and cheap labor. In its back yard - Latin America, its main goal was to force the FTAA on all countries as it had done with Mexico and Chile in the 1990s. In the Middle East and Central Asia, its objective was to re-colonise Iraq, Afghanistan and other nations to take direct control of oil at the expense of the national bourgeoisies and its imperialist rivals France and Germany.

The counter-offensive required the Bonapartisation of the US regime and a intensified attack on the working class of that country. Thus, the fraudulently elected Bush government using the attack on the Twin Towers and the reactionary attacks on Afghanistan, Palestine and Iraq, erected a Bonapartist-police regime with state power concentrated in the White House and the Democrats supporting the 'war on terror' and home and abroad.

But the objectives of the US offensive were more ambitious still. For Bush and the US bosses the recolonization of the Middle East and Central Asia were beach heads to mount a wider attack on China and Russia. Not content with the restoration of capitalism in these former workers

states, the US ruling class wants to turn them into US colonies or protectorates grabbing their resources and depriving their rivals, France and Germany of any share in the booty. It is the wider ambition of this plan that has met with defeat due to the resistance of the masses, nothing to do with the election.

On the contrary, the result of the election of 7th November are a victory for the US imperialist regime of which Bush, and the Republican and Democratic Parties, are part. It is a victory because it allows President Bush to retain the support of the warmongering, anti-labor and



anti-immigrant "Republicrats" and continue with his imperialist counter-offensive.

Today, the Democratic imperialists say to the masses that they can solve their problems. The treacherous union bureaucrats call on workers to vote Democrat to "defeat Bush". These are the "democratic" pacifists of Clinton who led the slaughter in the Balkans in the 90s; of Carter, backer of the bloodthirsty military dictatorships of Latin America in the 80s; of the Kennedys, who began the colonial war against the Vietnamese people in the 60s, and the Roosevelts who led the US imperialist war that ended by wiping Hiroshima and Nakasaki off the map with atomic bombs.

To claim that the ballot box can stop the US counter-revolutionary offensive while the Iraqi nation is still occupied and bleeding is to desecrate the tomb of more than half-a-million Iraqi workers and who have been killed by the Anglo-Yankee troops. To claim that the electoral victory of the Democratic imperialist killers is the "expression" of the Iraqi resistance, of the heroic militias who fell fighting in Fallujah and left unburied as food for dogs, is a huge insult to the oppressed peoples of the world.

The Democrats are a pacifist lid to stop an upsurge of US workers against a new 'Vietnam'

The failure of the plan to occupy and colonise Iraq has raised the spectre of a new Vietnam before the eyes of the US ruling class. It fears that the resistance of the Iraqi masses may turn the occupation into a workers and peasants revolution in the Middle East. More than that it fears that the defeat of the US army in Iraq will spark the US workers revolution inside the US. The US ruling class is well aware that the risks of its gambit in Iraq includes an insurrection, not only in the Middle East, but also at home, where the US bourgeoisie has intensified its attacks on its own working class.

But the bourgeoisie will stop at nothing when it sees its property and class rule threatened by the masses. For example, after the victory of the Russian revolution in 1917, the world bourgeoisie quickly learned that it had to destroy the soviets at all costs. It grasped immediately that soviets were the form of workers class power irreconcilably confronting the power of the power of the bourgeois state, and capable, under a revolutionary leadership, of removing the treacherous misleaders paid by the bourgeoisie to strangle the soviets, and taking power.

In the same way, US imperialism learned the lesson of the defeat suffered in Vietnam: it learned that it must prevent at all costs a defeat of its troops in a semi-colonial country from turning into the start of a proletarian revolution, particularly in its own 'homeland'.

To prevent Iraq from becoming another Vietnam, the US ruling class called on the Democrat machine backed by the gangster union bureaucracy of the AFL-CIO, and internationally by Chávez, Castrism and the fake Trotskyists, to create a big wave of pacifism to divert and contain the US working class, with its potential class power becoming aroused, into voting Democrat to 'defeat' Bush.

To 'defeat' Bush then, workers were trapped into voting for a party that: supported the war against Afghanistan and Iraq and voted the war budget; the

"patriotic laws" attacking the civil liberties of the masses; all the attacks by the bosses on workers' historic gains; the enslavement of the twelve million immigrant workers in the US, and the building of a wall on the Mexican border!

The election result is therefore a victory for the bourgeoisie. Rather than being a crisis for the Bush regime, the imperialistic regime of the "Republicrats" has been strengthened by containing the growing movement of the US working class against the war, stopping any development of the struggle against the war from breaking with the union officials and the Democrats, and mobilising against the attacks on workers such as Katrina and immigration laws.

Containing workers resistance to the 'war on terror' at home is critical in implementing the plans of the US bosses to liquidate of all of the conquests of the labor movement and force the closure of plants, sackings, wage cuts, loss of pensions and health insurance etc., so that US corporates can compete with their relocated plants in China, Vietnam and Latin America.

The victory of the Republicrats and the big wave of pacifism means that the US ruling class has been able to prevent, for the moment, the development of independent organisations of the super-exploited working class that works more than 50 hours a week for miserable wages, where 50 million do not have access to basic health care, where 35 million live in hunger, and whose living conditions are becoming more and more like their class brothers and sisters in Latin America.

The Democratic plan to rescue the profits of US business from the Iraqi swamp

The result of the elections reflects a pact between the different fractions of US imperialism - such as oil, construction, the military etc who were the dominant fraction in 2001 - with the corporations that have relocated their production to China, Asia and Latin America. They have agreed to protect the wider interests of US capitalism by making an orderly exit from Iraq so that the resistance to the occupation does not turn into a revolution in the semi-colony or in the 'homeland'.

This pact junks the tactical failures of the "war on terror" and the "axis of evil" and creates a new bipartisan foreign policy of US pacifism, and new agreements with the national bourgeoisies to contain the masses and protect the interests of US business. Thus, Syria and Iran are no longer to be classified as "terrorist states" and are now being invited to 'mediate' and 'guarantee' 'peace' in Iraq and the Middle East.

As is always the case, where the imperialists make agreements with national bourgeoisies, the currency that pays for these dirty dealings is the blood of the oppressed masses. The imperialists and the national bourgeoisies have a common interest which is to contain the masses to ensure their superexploitation is maintained.

So in Lebanon, after the heroic masses defeat of the Zionist army, the bourgeois leaders of Hezbollah made a deal with the imperialistic powers, the UN, and Israel that allowed the Zionists to again enter Gaza killing and destroying. This deal is also in the interests of the Palestinian bourgeoisies' national unity government of Hamas and Fatah and a "two states" solution that

guarantees the enslavement of the Palestinian masses. At the same time, the Shiite bourgeoisie of Hezbollah is now in position to become the leading fraction of the Lebanese bourgeoisie.

In the same way, the plan of the Democrats to make an orderly retreat from Iraq is to do a deal with the national bourgeoisies of Syria and Iran, so that they control the popular resistance in Iraq and cover the backs of the US forces as they withdraw. Instead of encouraging and fomenting the fratricidal wars between Sunni and Shiite militias to divert the resistance from the occupying forces, the US will now use the regional national elites as its 'partners' to suppress the 'civil war'.

Thus, the Iranian Shiite bourgeoisie will be made responsible for the control of the Shiite masses and disarming the militias of Al Sadr, while the Syrian bourgeoisie will be expected to isolate and crush the resistance of the militias by stopping the supply of arms, equipment and ammunition across the Syrian border.

As its part in the "withdrawal" US imperialism will unleash a blood bath in the so-called "Sunni Triangle" sending thousands of troops to wipe out the heart of the resistance in the same way it destroyed Fallujah. It will also unleash its troops against the Madhi brigades of Al Sadr in Sadr city in Baghdad. At the same time the Syrian and Iranian bourgeoisies will create a regular army capable of finishing off the resistance and creating a stable Iraqi regime that serves the interests of US imperialism and its allies and the Syrian and Iranian bourgeoisies.

This is the "withdrawal" plan being prepared by US imperialism today under the leadership of the Democrats, and with the collaboration of Chávez, Castro and the World Social Forum of "pacifists" and "negotiators"!

The US ruling class can today pay the price of this 'pacifist' policy of pacts and agreements with the national bourgeoisies in the Middle East to suppress the mass resistance thanks to the increased profits extracted from the working class and the raw materials plundered from the semicolonies and the ex-workers states, and the attack on the past gains of the working class in the 'homeland'.

Thus the terms of the agreement in Iraq will be the division of the oil wealth to be appropriated from the Iraqi masses by the imperialists, and the Syrian and Iranian bourgeoisies. The Democrats are confident that the US transnationals can make a deal that is no worse than those they are making with the populist 'pacifist democratic' leaders in Latin America!

With hundreds of millions of workers enslaved by the transnational companies located in the restored capitalist economy of China; with Latin America transformed into a reservoir of cheap labor in the assembly plants in Central America and its raw materials plundered by the big imperialist monopolies in the MERCOSUR countries; with the ex-workers states of Eastern Europe supplying cheap labor for the European imperialist transnationals; with the Russian working class oppressed by the Putin ex-KGB arms-dealers turned into bourgeois junior partners of imperialism; with US workers losing their past gains and working more than a 50 hour week; the German working class working 40 hour weeks to compete with German plants relocated to China and East Europe; there are more profits to bribe the national bourgeoisies.

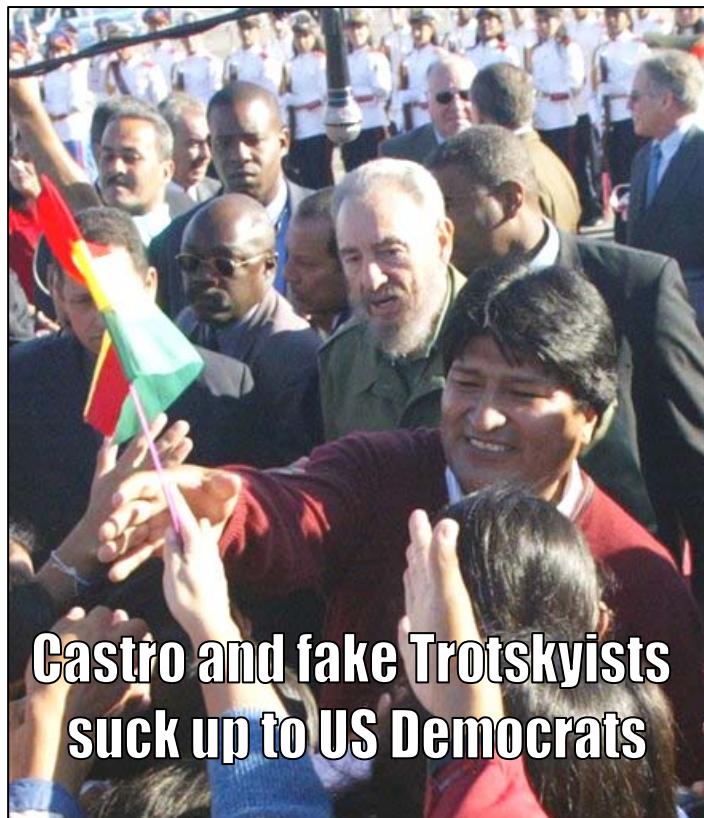
While in the United States the Democrats 'peace' plan has succeeded in preventing the antiwar movement from spreading and uniting with other workers struggles, in the EU new popular front governments are playing the same role. In Italy and France popular fronts are in preparation as the renewed attacks against the masses by the "right" governments of Berlusconi and Chirac-Sarkozy will risk causing the revolutionary explosion of the masses. Popular Front governments of the 'left' will

be better able to divert the masses struggles into parliament and 'pacify' the working class as in the face of new interimperialistic disputes and colonial adventures over labor reserves, raw materials, zones of influence new and superior colonial adventure.

Meanwhile, in Bolivia, Brazil, Venezuela, and Argentina, populist parties (popular fronts in one single party) of the "Bolivarian Revolution" or popular front governments steal and strangle the anti-imperialist and revolutionary struggles of the masses. These regimes, while pretending to oppose US imperialism, in reality act

as its agents and enforce the super-exploitation of the working class and the ongoing plundering of the natural wealth of the semi-colonies of the Southern Cone.

In Chile and Mexico, countries dominated by the US through free trade agreements, the fake Trotskyist left is weak and there has been no left populist front capable of tying the hands of the masses and prevent them from rising up in pre-revolutionary insurrections against the right wing bonapartist regimes which have turned these countries into virtual colonial protectorates of US imperialism.



Indeed, to prevent that happening in Nicaragua, the popular front of Daniel Ortega and the Sandinistas - those ex- "guerrilla commanders", now the yuppies of Wall Street and agents of CAFTA who sold out the Central American revolution in the agreements of Esquipulas and Contadora, along with Fidel Castro, has been elected as the government.

The big pacifist wave in the United States; pacts and agreements with the native bourgeoisies; class collaborationist governments of the "Bolivarian Revolution" in Latin America; preventive popular fronts in imperialist Europe, these are all policies of the imperialist powers to prevent the heroic Iraqi resistance and the defeat suffered by the Zionists in Lebanon from sparking off a workers and farmers revolution in those countries, and in turn spreading like a prairie fire to the working classes of the metropolises.

The WSF creates a "democratic front" to disarm the workers before an imperialist counter-revolution

The big pacifist wave to divert workers from developing the antiwar movement in the US would not have succeeded without the political treachery of the reformist leaders in the World Social Forum who have recycled the old Stalinist policy of supporting the "democratic" imperialists against the "fascists".

In 1935, as World War II approached, Stalin and imperialist France signed the Stalin-Laval pact of "nonaggression" and collaboration as a "democratic" front against the imperialist "fascists" of Germany.

In this way, the Stalinist bureaucracy said to the world's workers that the fight was not class against class against every bourgeoisie, but a fight to defend the "democratic" bourgeoisie against the "fascist" bourgeoisie, and that the defense of the USSR was not that of the workers but that of the "democratic" bourgeoisie. With this political left cover for class collaboration the Stalinist bureaucracy sold-out the Spanish and French revolutions, completed the liquidation of III the International, betrayed the world revolution and opened the road to the imperialist slaughter of World War II.

This same policy of the "democratic front" is that which today is promoted by the treacherous leaders of the World Social Forum in the United States. The union bureaucracy of the AFL-CIO - supporters of Bush and the invasion of Iraq, obeyed its masters, the US bourgeoisie, and contributed hundreds of millions of dollars of the union dues of the workers, to the electoral campaign of the Democrats. The traditional leaders of the Latino labor movement - allied to the catholic church, pacifists, etc. - and also the Communist Party of the US called openly and directly for workers to vote for the Democrats.

But the decisive thing in the success of the big pacifist wave was the influence of Castroism and fake Trotskyism which play a treacherous role in the new organizations that have emerged in the US working class to oppose the war. These currents did not directly or openly call for a vote for the Democratic Party, but they played a central role in diverting the emerging independent struggles of workers into the Democratic Party machine.

The first example was the undermining of the call to for a national strike of the 1st December, 2005, put out

by more than 700 workers organizations against the war and to support the victims of Katrina. The reformist leaders conspired to transform that strike into a day of "commemoration" of the struggle "civil rights".

In the same way, months later, under the leadership of the catholic church and the pacifists, the magnificent struggle of twelve million migrant workers, mainly Latina, who called a national strike on May 1st 2006, was diverted behind the Democrats. When the new anti-immigrant law which threatened to deport up to 12 million "illegal" immigrants was met with a massive wave of protests, the treacherous leadership wanted to amend the law in Congress. These reformists put a stop to the mobilisation of an independent migrant movement which is capable of directly challenging the policy of the US bourgeoisie to use the 'illegality' of migrant workers to continue persecuting, jailing and deporting them in order to super-exploit them as wage slaves.

These treacherous leaders made sure that the each of these currents and organisations do not coordinate and centralise their struggles. The guarantee that each fight, strike or mobilization is isolated and contained. For example the demonstration in support of the Oaxaca commune were separated from those of migrant workers. Mobilizations against the war were isolated from the labor struggles of unionists to defend their gains from attack, and from organizing support for the victims of Katrina etc.

By this means, the new layers of millions of workers roused by the war, Katrina and the anti-migrant laws, were corralled into the 'democratic front', subordinated to the bourgeois, petty bourgeois and treacherous WSF leaderships, and steered into voting for the imperialist killers of the Democratic Party.

US Workers: Your first task is to fight for the Victory of Iraq and the Defeat of the US troops in Iraq!

Once again, at the moment, the treacherous leaders have succeeded in making the US workers kneel before their imperialistic bourgeoisie, this time to the killers of the Democratic Party. The US proletariat will pay a high price for this new treason. The more they capitulate to their own ruling class the more it is able to intensify the superexploitation, invasions and massacres in the colonies, semi-colonies, protectorates and the ex-workers states. And the more counter-revolutionary victories the imperialists win in their colonial adventures, the greater the attacks on the jobs, conditions and rights of their own working class bringing it down to the level of the workers in Latin America and then that of Iraq, Palestine, Asia, Africa, etc.

As understood by Marxists in the 19th Century, "a people that oppresses another one cannot be free itself". In the last few years, the emergence of the resistance to the colonial war in Iraq in the US working class began to approach this understanding. And for this reason the leaders of the WSF have conspired to force it so retreat from any break with its own imperialist bourgeoisie. That is why, today, the first necessary task of the US working class must be to break with its own imperialist bourgeoisie - "The main enemy is at home!"

- **Down with the new imperialistic plans of pacts and agreements with the bourgeoisies**

of Syria and Iranian to massacre the resistance and to collaborate with Bush and the Republicrats!

- Down with the imperialist regime of the "Republicrats", killer of the peoples of the world and exploiter of the US proletariat!
- US troops out of Afghanistan, the Middle East and Asia!
- Immediate and unconditional freedom for the prisoners of Guantánamo, the secret jails of the CIA, the imprisoned and tortured militia fighters of the Iraqi resistance in Abu Graib, etc.!
- For the destruction of the Zionist-fascist state of Israel, the gendarme of US imperialism and killer of the Palestinian people!

Only by breaking with its own imperialistic bourgeoisie and the "Republicrat" regime and standing up across the whole continent calling for the victory of its Iraqi brothers and sisters against the US troops, will the US working class be able to end its subordination to the Democratic Party and class collaborationist politics of the "democratic front" of Stalinism, Castroism and its 'left' cover, the fake Trotskyists.

Only by building militant organizations independent of the state to fight for a national Congress of rank and file delegates of all the workers and exploited peoples organizations can the unions be rid of the treacherous bureaucrats of the AFL-CIO and the impostaers of the "Change to Win" and other equally collaborationist leaders who have betrayed the movement in support of the peoples oppressed and killed by US imperialism, and the mobilisation of struggles to resist the attacks on their jobs, wages, conditions, and rights.

A Congress of rank and file delegates of all militant workers organizations in the US could mount a national campaign in support of the heroic workers and peasants Commune of Oaxaca, now repressed by the troops of the Mexican army sent by Fox-Calderón, servants of their US master, and give massive support to the workers and peasants revolution in Bolivia that is today stolen by the popular front of Morales government and the policy of class collaboration of the World Social Forum, and so help these struggle return to the revolutionary road.

- US imperialists out of Latin America!
- US out of Guantánamo!
- Down with the economic, political and military free trade agreements of NAFTA, CAFTA, MERCOSUR, and all treaties that subjugate and exploit the Latin American nations in the interests of imperialism!
- For the expropriation without compensation and under workers control of all the US companies and properties in Iraq, the Middle East, Latin America, Asia and Africa!

Such a Workers Congress would organize a united struggle to demand that the wages and conditions won by US workers in corporates such as Ford, General Motors, and the other transnational monopolies, must

apply to all the workers in their plants relocated in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

Such a militant campaign would lend huge support to the defensive struggles of the Chinese proletariat against the conditions of wage-slavery imposed by the transnationals, turning it into a counter-offensive that can open up the road to a new proletarian revolution that overthrows the semi-fascist regime of the new Chinese bourgeoisie, expropriates all the transnational companies, and establishes a dictatorship of the proletariat in the ex-workers state.

It is the duty of the US working class which has shared in the superprofits of imperialist exploitation to stand up and make this fight, just as it is the duty of workers of the European imperialist powers to support the struggle of the Russian and other workers of the former USSR against the semi-fascist regime of Putin and the new Russian bourgeoisie.

Breaking with the US bourgeoisie, and taking into its hands the demands of its class brothers and sisters of the nations subjugated by its own imperialism, the US proletariat can use its massive strength to resist further attacks, and reclaim its lost gains, and demand the rights of all migrant workers to automatic citizenship and all other legal, social and political rights.

- Smash the Minutemen vigilantes!
- Pull down the apartheid wall on the border!
- End the slavery of US workers: down with sellout deals of the AFL-CIO bureaucrats, and the new bureaucrats of "Change to win" that give away jobs, wages, conditions and rights!
- Worthy Work for all, with a sliding scale of working hours and wages, a minimum wage at the level of the cost of the family shopping basket and indexed according to the inflation!
- Nationalization without compensation and under workers control of all company that close or dismisses workers!
- Immediate payment of an unemployed wage equal to the minimum wage for all vacated worker!
- Guaranteed retirement benefit at age 60 years equal to the minimum wage!
- Free quality health care for all workers and their families, guaranteed by the employers and the state!

Breaking its ties to the bourgeoisie, defeating the union bureaucracy and the treacherous leaders of the World Social Forum, the US working class will be able to ride the big pacifist wave that currently engulfs it, and mount a massive struggle against its own imperialist bourgeoisie and the 'Republicrat' regime, that can transform its defensive campaigns against the war and the bosses attacks into the beginning of the socialist revolution in the US.

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Bolivia:**Arm the workers to smash the fascists!**

Like October 2003 and May-June 2005, the working class and the poor farmers are rising up to regain the revolution that the bourgeoisie of Morales and Garcia Linera have stolen from us.

- **Long live the workers and peasants movement of Cochabamba!**
- **No crawling to the government of Morales and its Constituent Assembly and autonomy referendums!**
- **Down with Reyes Villa!**
- **For a provisional government of the Workers and Peasants of the Cabildo (open town meeting)!**
- **Disband the murderous police!**
- **Build workers and peasants militias in Cochabamba now!**
- **General arming of the workers and farmers now!**
- **Build committees of soldiers who organize themselves in the workers and peasants Cabildo!**
- **Throw out the class collaborationist leaders of the COB, the COD and the COR!**
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All to Cochabamba: there let us create a national Congress of mandated delegates of the rank and file, of the COB, the COD and the poor peasants of Bolivia, and the revolutionary student movement!

The first year of Evo Morales government will be remembered for staining its hands in the blood of Bolivian workers and peasants in their struggle for land and water in Cochabamba.

On Thursday January 11 fascist gangs of the "Youth for Democracy", armed with baseball bats, batons, pistols and gas grenades provided by the police, attacked thousands of farmers and workers who had rallied in Cochabamba to demand the resignation of the prefect (governor) Manfred Reyes Villa, an ally of the former President Sanchez de Lozada (Goni) and today a leader of the fascist bourgeoisie of the Medialuna (the Tropical eastern part of Bolivia where most of oil and gas is found).

In a pitched battle that lasted more than two hours, the campesino comrade Nicomedes Gutiérrez was killed by the fascists. Many others were wounded. In the middle of the battle, the workers and peasants, in self-defense, lynched one of the fascist thugs of Reyes Villa.

In solidarity with the workers and peasants of Cochabamba, the exploited workers of El Alto marched in their thousands down to La Paz to surround the Hotel Europa where the prefects (Governors) of Santa Cruz, Beni, Pando, Tarija and La Paz, who are demanding autonomy (the break up of Bolivia) including Reyes Villa, were meeting.

In spite of the calls by Morales to keep the peace and his appeal to the peasants of the six Federations of the Medialuna - the base of the MAS and Morales support - to respect the fact that Reyes Villa had been

"democratically elected", on Friday 12, in response to the call of the COD of Cochabamba (Departmental organisation of the Bolivian workers central), 20,000 workers and peasants held a huge open public rally in the Plaza de Armas and resolved to continue the fight until Reyes Villa was removed from office.

Facing this rally, the class collaborationist government of Morales - the same one that last October called on the cooperativistas (self-employed miner bosses) to attack the militant unionised miners of Huanuni - did not miss a beat in

ordering the police to ferociously repress the masses that occupy a TV channel supporting the governor.

It did not pause for a second before sending in the murderous army to Cochabamba. When the thousands of workers and peasants marched from El Alto to surround the Hotel Europa, Morales ordered his police to violently repress the demonstration.

Today, while our Cochabambinos brothers and sisters guard the fallen comrade and reaffirm their will to fight, the fascist bands remain intact, Reyes Villa is still the prefect, though he has taken refuge with his fascist friends in Santa Cruz, and Morales continues to negotiate with PODEMOS (that is, with the organizers of the fascist gangs) over whether the Constituent Assembly will vote on the basis of a simple majority or two thirds majority.

But this repression has not stopped the continuous stream of contingents of workers and peasants arriving at the Plaza 14 of September in Cochabamba where they raise the cries of "Guns, shrapnel, the people will not be quiet" and

"Resign or fall!". In El Alto, the workers held a huge meeting on the 15th to demand the resignation of the prefect of La Paz begin to mobilize itself to throw to the prefect Paredes who supports Reyes Villa and the demand of "autonomy" made by the bourgeoisie.

In response to this, Morales has announced that he will introduce a law to hold a revocatory referendum (a vote to confirm or not the positions of the mayors and prefects). Reyes Villa supports the proposal, saying he can easily win such a referendum with the support of PODEMOS, but with the condition that Evo Morales subjects himself also

to a revocatory referendum, in the expectation that the opposition can remove Morales from the presidency of the Constituent Assembly and the Senate.

This new negotiation of Morales with the "autonomista" bourgeoisie of the Medialuna, is to make a new trap for the exploited masses, to force us off the streets of Cochabamba and La Paz, and to substitute the ballot boxes before we can overthrow the killer Reyes Villa and the "turncoat" Paredes.



**October 2003
Masses overthrow Goni**

Down with the trap of the "revocatory referendum": the Bolivian workers and poor farmers in October of 2003 and June of 2005 already 'revoked' the mandates of the murderous presidents in throwing out Goni and Mesa!

Today we have already 'revoked' the mandates of the autonomist governors. While they were raised up by elections, we threw them down by our combat in the streets!

- **Stop the "reconciliation" of El Alto with the Santa Cruz fascist oligarchy!**
- **Stop the "reconciliation" between the Rosca and Evo Morales being negotiated in the Constituent Assembly!**
- **Stop the pacts made behind the backs of the people!**
- **Stop making the workers and peasants the cannon fodder in the disputes between the fractions of the bourgeoisie over the distribution of the rent from the hydrocarbons and minerals!**

It was the treachery of the workers leaders that made the workers kneel before the bourgeois government of Morales, that broke the unity between the workers and the poor peasants - won in the streets during May and June of 2005 to the demand of "Neither 30 nor 50%, [100%] nationalization" - and forced the peasant masses to bow before the national bourgeoisie.

Today, the class collaborationist government of Morales and the MAS in agreement with the national bourgeoisie whom they represent, threaten to destroy the historical organizations of Bolivian proletariat - the COB, the miners Federation, the COD and COR, etc. - statizing them and turning them into appendages of the bourgeois nationalist movement, to turn to Bolivia into a new Venezuela under Chávez where the working class is subordinated to the "Bolivarian president" and to the bourgeois state.

That is the treacherous result of the class collaboration of Montes leader of the COB, and the leaders of the CODs and CORs (Regional organisations of the COB) with Morales to destroy the independence of those organizations of workers struggle and subordinating them to the mayors and prefects.

The defenders of the popular front - in the 1930s Stalin, and today in Bolivia Garcí'a Linera - always say that the weight of the working class aligned with the "progressive" bourgeoisie and the "patriotic" officers gives them an invincible power. Time and time again reality has destroyed that false claim, at the expense of the blood of the working class.

Today, Morales, Linera, Chávez, Castro, and Montes of the COB, try to yoke the two antagonistic classes of the proletariat and the bourgeoisie behind the plough of "Andean Capitalism". The result is the neutralization of the power of the working class and the strengthening of the power of the bourgeoisie, now evident in the freedom of the fascists to mobilise on the streets and the officer caste to squash the revolutionary masses with fire and blood. That is exactly the role of the popular front: by adding the force of the working class to that of the bourgeoisie the result is zero, that is to say, the submission of the working class to the bourgeoisie, and its total powerlessness.

The Trotskyists of the FLT affirm, with Leon Trotsky, that the popular front does not unite the sum of class forces, but cancels out those forces. Trotsky said very well that if we are to reduce the operation of the popular front to a mathematical formula, it could not be the sum, but the law of the parallelogram of forces, where the result of two antagonistic forces, is zero.

The leaders of the workers and peasants have subordinated us to the fraction of the national bourgeoisie and have expropriated the workers and peasants revolution to serve the interests of the oligarchy and the Rosca.

In February to October of 2003, the Bolivian workers and poor peasants rose up against the hated US client regime of Goni (Sanchez de Lozada), the MNR (party of the Revolutionary National Militia), of Banzerismo (regime of the

former military dictator General Banzer) and the MIR. More than 100 comrades gave their lives in the battle to bring down the murderous Goni.

But conspiring against the masses, in October 2003, Morales, Quispe and Solares of the COB told us that Carlos Mesa (Goni's vice-President) was the solution. They are the people who are responsible for stopping and containing the workers and peasants revolution that was underway which raised as its program the demands of the vast majority of Bolivian workers and peasants: "Out with the foreigners!", "Out with the transnational companies!", "Neither 30% nor 50%, nationalization [of the hydrocarbons]!", "land to the peasants", etc.

Mesa was not slow to show what he was: while he tried to deceive us and stop the struggle with a few concessions, he proved he was just like Goni and the Rosca (mine-owners oligarchy) conspiring with them to defeat the workers and the poor peasants. In May and June of 2005, in spite of the desertion of the leaders of the COB to the side of the regime - Solares and his allies managed to dominate the formation of the 'headquarters' of the struggle in El Alto. We blocked the roads, we surrounded centers of the exploiters power and took over the streets to demand our solution: a a popular, workers and peasants assembly to represent all the poor exploited masses of Bolivia.

Against the fascist bands of Santa Cruz, the mercenaries of the large estate owners and oil companies, the El Alto 'headquarters' put out the call to form workers and peasants militias. Against the officers caste in the army, we demanded that those who killed workers, and soldiers who refused to shoot the people during October, be tried and punished.

But the exploiters cornered in Sucre made a deal with Morales behind the back of the people to replace Morales with Rodriguez and call for new elections. In this way they banished the 'demons' that had appeared - the 'demons' being the hungry workers, peasants and destitute who are the big majority of the Bolivian people who had risen up against the small minority of corrupt, exploitative and murderous, national oligarchy.

There, in Sucre, between midnight and dawn, the exploiters found the solution to the threat to their power in the "pact of the two cities", of El Alto and Santa Cruz. That infamous pact agreed to a rigged, elitist Constituent Assembly without no participation of the big majority of the workers and peasants, and to the autonomy referendum.

The class collaborationist leaders of the COR and the COD, called for a vote for Morales as the "lesser evil" and supporting the MAS openly in the elections. They sabotaged the revolutionary headquarters of El Alto, and diverted the workers into the pact for the CA and autonomy referendums with the new Rosca regime. At the same time they sacrificed the peasants' movement to the national bourgeoisie of Morales, and Garcia Linera - that agent of the Totalfina and French imperialism.

Those leaders are responsible for stealing the workers and peasants revolutionary uprising. They are the ones who subordinated the workers and peasants to the national bourgeoisie. They are the ones who sabotaged our demands and allowed the regime, weakened and defensive, to survive by the farce of the Constituent Assembly and the autonomy referendum agreed to by Morales and PODEMOS.

They are people responsible in the last instance, for the treacherous pact of the CA and autonomy, and for the survival of the 'gonistas' like Reyes Villa, the oligarchy of the Medialuna, and the rotten corpses of the MNR, the MIR and Banzerismo - that is, all the bosses parties of the Rosca regime that was facing overthrow in October of 2003 and May-June of 2005, which today go on the offensive with their fascist gangs to kill the workers and poor peasants.

Down with the pact of Morales with the Rosca, its Constituent Assembly and its autonomy referendums!

This pact has the purpose of protecting the class interests of the national bourgeoisie, in particular the cruceña oligarchy and the transnational companies. It guarantees the continued plunder of the hydrocarbons, the superprofits of the oil monopolies, and a larger share being siphoned off by the national bourgeoisie. That is why the 'nationalization' of Morales was a fraud as it allowed the oil companies, and their 'junior partners' the national bourgeoisie, to make 'joint ventures' with the state and to continue to make huge superprofits by robbing the hydrocarbon wealth that the Bolivian workers and farmers demanded for themselves in the struggle for "Neither 30% nor 50%, nationalization of hydrocarbons".

The result: enormous profits for the transnational companies and the national bourgeoisie, while the poor workers and peasants continue paying for expensive fuel to cook, or suffer the cold because they cannot afford to pay for the trillions of cubic meters of gas under their feet to warm themselves.

This infamous pact between Morales, the Rosca and the transnationals, now being implemented in the CA, treats the masses as cannon fodder in the disputes between the national bosses and the imperialist monopolies over the distribution of the enormous mining wealth of the Mutún; it gives more state subsidies to business such as the cooperativistas bosses who were behind the attack on the miners of Huanuni under instructions from the former cooperativista minister of mines Villarroel and his supporters, and with the approval of Morales.

The pact is behind the fraudulent "agrarian reform" that redistributes only patches of unproductive land and the deserts of the Plateau to the landless peasants, while 87% of the fertile and cultivable land remains in the hands of a tiny

number of landowners who defend their property with armed fascist gangs in the Medialuna. It means a limit to the holdings of family farmers to 1600 square meters for the cultivation of coca, the promise to continue the US "Coca eradication plan", the murder of two coca farmers who defended their crops, and renewed pacts with Yankee imperialism to allow it to build bigger army bases and station more DEA troops in the Yungas and Chapare.

The conflicts over this pact being fought out today among

the different fractions of the national bourgeoisie over the division of the spoils of Bolivia's wealth, mean that the comuneros of Ayo Ayo are still in jail, the killers of over 100 workers and peasants in October 2005 are still free, along with the murderers of the homeless workers, the miners of Huanuni, and the coca growers, all of whose blood stains the hands of Morales government.

So while the bosses fight over a two thirds or a simple majority in the CA; while they fight over the degree of autonomy for the departments; that is, while the different bourgeois fractions fight over their shares in the booty of the hydrocarbons, minerals and the national rent, the poor workers and peasants continue to shed their blood as the currency in the deals made to advance business at the expense of the people. However, because they fear the return of the "demons"

(i.e. the insurgent workers and peasants) the bosses will agree that to prevent the fall of Reyes Villa and the Rosca regime, they will call on Morales to impose a 'national' solution to protect their property and oil profits, as always, at the expense of the needs and the lives of the poor workers and peasants of Bolivia.

The overall result of this infamous pact of "pacification" and "reconciliation" between the conspiring leaders of the COB, the COR of El Alto and the farmers organisations, and the killer fascist bourgeoisie of Santa Cruz, is the stealing of the workers and peasants revolution that had begun in 2003. This is the "Bolivarian Revolution" that Morales, Chávez, Fidel Castro and their friends want to sell to us: full pockets for imperialism and the bourgeoisie; hunger, slavery and repression for the poor workers and peasants. Now Chávez has announced, like Morales, "nationalizations" of the telephones and electricity in Venezuela, that will end up as 'joint ventures' with the imperialist monopolies, while 60% of the workers and poor people continue living in misery! Now the Cuban Castroite bureaucracy - another key proponent of the "Bolivarian Revolution" - is negotiating with the Yankees to set up joint ventures to complete the restoration of capitalism on the island, and transforming itself into national bourgeoisie!

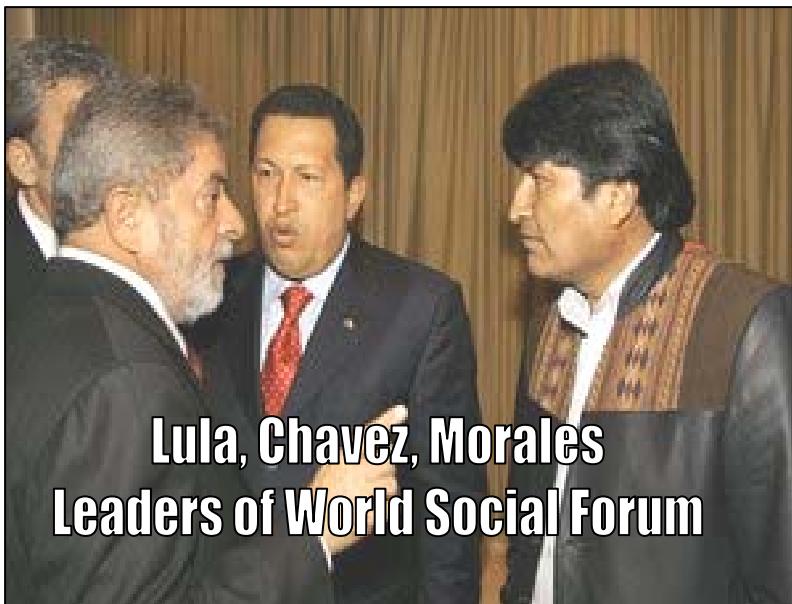
Now Sandinista ex-commander Ortega in Nicaragua - whose election to the presidency has been warmly embraced by Morales and Chávez - has formed an alliance with the ex-assassins of the 'somocistas' and the 'Contras' armed by the CIA, and guarantees to protect the continuity of the FTA that enslaves the nation to imperialism!

This is the famous "Bolivarian Revolution": the expropriation of the workers and peasants revolution. This is the main objective of the class collaborationist bourgeois government of Evo Morales. To achieve that aim, imperialism,

the transnationals and the Rosca conspired to deceive the workers by making the pact with the fraction of Evo Morales [representing the rich coca growers] as the representative of the whole national bourgeoisie. Now that this objective has been fulfilled, and the masses have been subordinated to one fraction of the bourgeoisie, and the workers and peasants organisations betrayed by their leaders to the state, the Rosca - representing of the transnational companies and the oligarchy of the Medialuna - wants to

assume its traditional role as the leading fraction of the national bourgeoisie that controls the state. They no longer need Morales or his Chavista and Castroist allies. Now the Rosca wants to mobilise all its power and its property to smash the remaining life out of the workers and peasants revolution. For that reason today it is organising its forces and its fascist gangs to prepare to drown the last vestige of the revolution in a blood bath.

That is the treacherous role of the popular front and the politics of class collaboration of the leaders of the COB today into the hands of Montes, the friend of Morales, who keeps quiet while our comrades are attacked and killed in Cochabamba. It subordinates the working class to a fraction of the bourgeoisie, to destroy its independent organizations of struggle, to deceive the masses with sweet phrases and token



concessions to buy the time to allow the fifth column to attack the revolutionary vanguard as they did in Huanuni, and to allow the imperialists and the "autonomist" bourgeoisie to mobilise their fascist bands and the officer caste to prepare the armed forces to smash the revolution, and to break-up Bolivia if necessary. .

The collaborationist leaders of the COB and the COR are responsible for usurping the historic program of the Bolivian workers: "the liberation of the workers will be work of the workers". They want us to think that the national bosses are our allies, when in reality they are the agents and junior partners of the imperialist monopolies and share in the superexploitation of Bolivian workers and poor peasants. They want to convince us that we should support the "patriotic" generals and "progressive" bourgeois.

But the workers and poor peasants of Bolivia already know from experience that we pay in blood for our support of the bourgeoisie. We learned that tragic lesson in the huge revolution which began in 1952, in supporting the "progressive" government of the MNR [Revolutionary National Militia] that stole our revolution and ended in a military coup that massacred the miners vanguard by shelling the mines. We learned that tragic lesson of the Popular Assembly of 1971, when the treacherous leaders told us to support the "anti-imperialist" and "socialist" general Torrez, only to end up under the heel of Banzer's bloodthirsty military coup which smashed our revolutionary uprising.

For that reason, so that our class brothers and sisters win the battle in Cochabamba, and that in Cochabamba, Huanuni and El Alto we revive the revolutionary struggle that has been stolen, the most urgent task now is to break our workers and peasant organisations from the bourgeoisie and the new treacherous Rosca regime based on the pact between Morales, the national bourgeoisie, the bourgeoisie of the Medialuna, and the transnational companies.

We have to fight to regain rank and file control of the COB and the COD with our slogan: "the liberation of the workers will be work of the workers". We have to return to the Theses from Pulacayo, the program of the heroic Bolivian revolution of 1952! That program proves that we have to rebuild the worker-peasant alliance, because the only class that can break with imperialism, solve the land question and end the misery of the poor peasants by expropriating the landowning class and the banks to finance the development of agriculture, and provide bread and work for all who want to work, is the working class leading the poor farmers in a socialist revolution.

Reforge the worker-peasant alliance, led by the COB, the COD and the COR, organizing the poor and landless peasants, united with the revolutionary student movement - as we did it in October 2003 and May-June 2005 - the only way to end the imperialist plunder of our nation and solve the needs of the exploited people, creating a revolutionary workers and peasants government to finish the revolution begun more than three years ago!

- **They continue to rob our hydrocarbons, our minerals and our land from us: we will not allow them to rob our revolution from us!**
- **End the blood of the workers and peasants spilled in the service of the different gangs of the Bolivian bourgeoisie and transnational companies!**
- **Out with Reyes Villa!**
- **For a Provisional Government of the workers and farmers organizations of Cochabamba, based on the committees of self-defense of the armed masses!**

Using the popular front of Morales, Garcia Linera and the prattling politicians of the MAS, the supporters of Goni and Rosca have staged their return. The bourgeois press in Bolivia, alarmed by the angry disputes between the different bourgeois fractions for the control the Bolivian state, speaks of a "war of

positions", fearing that because of these divisions, the "demons" of the insurgent workers and peasants can stage their return.

The Morales government calls on the "autonomist" bourgeoisie to negotiate and invites the priests, the NGOs and the Human Rights commissions that always appear after the workers and farmers have been killed, to stop us from making our own justice against the fascist bands of the Rosca.

The old Rosca controls four departments of the Medialuna, and two prefectures in La Paz and Cochabamba. The new coca and national bourgeoisie of Morales and Garc'a Linera, have the majority in the CA and control the central state power.

Morales role, as representative of the national bourgeoisie (those who pocket the rent of the hydrocarbons and the businesses of the Bolivian state) is to take charge of the workers and peasants to prevent us from developing the struggle for our basic demands and take back the dual power that we created in in 2003 and 2005. They are the ones in charge of throwing water on the fire of the revolution.

At the same time the old oligarchy of the Rosca has used the pact of the CA and the autonomies, to mobilize its fascist bands of "rich children", plain clothes police and the mercenaries of the large estate owners, to prepare the armed defence of its property and its interests. This is the "war of positions" of which the Bolivian bourgeois press speaks: it is the workers and farmers, fighting and dying in the service of one or other fraction of the Bolivian bourgeoisie.

Enough! The poor workers and peasants are not the cannon fodder for any business of the exploiters!

In Cochabamba, like yesterday in Huanuni, they tied our hands to stop us from fighting back. The government of Morales defends the pact with Rosca: it wants to keep the fascist assassin Manfred Reyes Villa in the power. In that "war of positions" for the biggest shares in the spoils of the plunder of the Bolivian nation and the exploitation of the workers and peasants, not one more oppressed person must die!

Like yesterday in Huanuni, today in Cochabamba the class struggle is on the streets: we want to fight, and to die if it is necessary, for the wages, hydrocarbons, minerals, and land that belongs to us, the workers and peasants.

And in this class war, on the other side of the barricade there are the fascist bands massacring workers and peasants, supported by the Rosca, and the government of Morales and his gang of national bourgeois, in dispute with them over minor business differences, but in fundamental agreement that the people must be suppressed before they threaten the property of the whole national bourgeoisie.

- **Long live the Cabildo of the workers and peasants of Cochabamba!**
- **No submission to the government of Morales and its pact of the CA and the regional autonomies!**
- **Down with Reyes Villa!**
- **For a Provisional Workers and Peasants Government of the Cabildo!**
- **Disband the killer police!**
- **Militias and generalized arming of the workers and peasants of Cochabamba!**
- **Create soldiers committees to organize as part of the workers and peasants Cabildo!**

Let us revive, in Cochabamba, the headquarters of the workers and peasants revolution so that we can eat, have land and end the imperialist plunder of our nation!

- **Enough of the collaborationist leaders of the COB, the COD and the COR!**
- **All to Cochabamba: let us found a national Congress of mandated delegates of the rank and file, of the COB,**

the COD and the poor peasants of Bolivia, along with the revolutionary student movement!

In October, the heroic miners of Huanuni who resisted the counterrevolutionary attack of Villaruel and the cooperativistas encouraged by Morales, had their heroic struggle isolated and contained. It was clear that the leadership of the COB, in the hands of Montes, did not lift a finger for the fight of the Bolivian workers. The job of those union bureaucrats is to prevent the Bolivian working class, led by its heroic miners, from re-entering the road to revolution.

In order to smash the fascist gangs of Santa Cruz, the Medialuna and Cochabamba, it is necessary to create workers and peasants militias. To create these militias it is necessary to throw out the collaborationist leaders of the Miners Federation and elect a new leadership mandated by the base (rank and file). The "rich children" and the mercenaries of the bloody fascist gangs that kill the workers and peasants in the interests of the Rosca oligarchy, deserve to be taught a lesson with the dynamite sticks of the miners.

- **For a National Congress of the Miners Federation in Cochabamba, led by the heroic wage-earning miners of Huanuni, alongside the Open Cabildo of the exploited cochabambinos! For mandated delegates for each 50 workers of the workshops of La Paz and Cochabamba!**

What Cochabamba needs is that and workers of El Alto, throwing off the COR and their collaborationist leaders and mount a fight against the La Paz prefect Patana who sold out to Morales and the national bourgeoisie for a plate of lentils, and re-create in El Alto the 'headquarters' the revolution and the program of the 8 of June of 2005. That program, after the overthrow of Mesa, called for a "national, indigenous Popular Assembly as an instrument of national power" based on elected delegates of assemblies of workers, with self-defence committees, planned an indefinite general strike and a national road blockade for the "nationalization and industrialization of hydrocarbons". It also rejected "all the bourgeois traps of constitutional succession and new elections". What Cochabamba needs is that it takes as its model the militant slogan of the alteños [people of El Alto] : "We are the guardians of the hydrocarbons; we are the communitarian Wipala, we are the indomitable El Alto"!

Enough of begging to the rigged CA to meet the needs of the exploited!

The CA serves the businesses and the profits of the Rosca, the transnational companies and the national bourgeoisie represented by the MAS, robber of our revolution, and only chains the workers doubly to the slavery and misery of the national and imperialist bourgeoisies!

From Cochabamba, we will create a great congress and national peasants, uniting all the organizations of the poor peasants, and led by the Cabildo of the Cochabamba workers and the Miners Federation, with delegates of base of the COB, the COD, together with the revolutionary student movement which is fighting alongside the workers and farmers against the fascist thugs of Reyes Villa.

For the revolutionary overthrow of Manfred Reyes Villa! For a workers and peasants government in Cochabamba!

Against the war of positions of the fractions of the exploiters; against the infamous pact of the CA and the autonomies, we counter-pose the workers and Cochabamba peasant government for whom the revival of the class war in Bolivia will deliver justice, end the large estates and give land to the peasants, mines to the miners, worthy work and wages to the workers, and the hydrocarbons to the Bolivian people, and stop the transnational companies plunder of the nation.

Against the collaborationist leadership of Montes, Patana and others, that subordinates the workers organizations to the bourgeoisie, we must reclaim the COB and the COR for the base, and restore the workers and peasants alliance to revive the fight for land, bread and national independence

From democratic assemblies of the bases, it is necessary to defeat the collaborationist leaders of the COB, COD and COR, replacing them with the leaders of the militant rank and file. On this question the Theses of Pulacayo speak clearly, saying that the workers will never support the bourgeois, no matter how disguised as "progressives" or "anti-imperialists" they appear.

We must reclaim our COB, our COD and COR!

Kick out of our organizations all those collaborationists like Montes, the servants of the national bourgeoisie that provide a cover for the old oligarchy by supporting a new MAS oligarchy, that rises out of the bowels of the old to drown the revolution in blood!

The working class requires a revolutionary leadership to once more win the streets for the poor landless farmers, demonstrating to them its capacity to fight, and to win - that is to say, that it has the power to make a revolution to provide its class allies with its most pressing needs for land, cheap credit, tractors, electricity, and a worthy standard of living.

The peasants of the tropics, the Yungas, all over Bolivia, need land; down with the fraudulent "agrarian reform" of Morales and Garcia Linera, negotiated in the United States with Bush and the DEA, and agreed with the oligarchy of Santa Cruz! Out with the DEA!

The oligarchy, with its shout of "autonomy", defends its 87% of that productive land in Bolivia that it has robbed. Morales and the CA have shown that it doesn't want to touch a single hectare of the parasitic oligarchy of the Medialuna. We counterpose nationalisation now of the territories of the Medialuna oligarchy and to redistribute the land to the poor peasants that wants to work the land, and to transform them into cooperatives and communes, with the state guaranteeing finance, electricity, machinery, tractors, fertilizers, etc.! In order to defeat the "autonomistas" and the Rosca, it is necessary to expropriate the land of the oligarchy and to give it to the poor peasants and the destitute.

It is necessary to expropriate the banks without compensation, and nationalize the banks under the control of the workers, creating a single state bank, to put an end to the usury of the bankers who takes the land from indebted peasants and creates large estates for the rich, so as to provide cheap credit for our campesino brothers and sisters.

It is necessary also to expropriate the parasitic commercial bourgeoisie - of which Evo Morales is a faithful representative - who pays a cruelly low price to buy commodities from the peasant, and sells them for an exorbitant price to the workers and the people of the cities, or on the world market.

- **Out with the transnational companies from Bolivia!**
- **Down with all the agreements of co-participation for the rent of hydrocarbons with Repsol, Totalfina, Petrobras, British Petroleum and other new allies of Morales!**
- **Use Bolivia's resources and funds for public works to guarantee high standard houses and provide free gas to all workers and peasants homes in Bolivia!**
- **For the nationalization without compensation of the Mutún mine and all the mineral wealth under the control of the Miners Federation (FSTMB) and the COB!**
- **Immediate Increase of wages for all the Bolivian workers, with a minimum wage at the level of the family shopping basket and indexed according to the cost of living!**

- **Divide the working hours among all those who want to work including the unemployed!**
- **Down with the plan of Morales to eliminate university freedom, that is already creating a new Rosca bourgeois in the universities!**
- **Total university autonomy! Education neither for the Rosca, nor for the national bourgeoisie: tripartite government with a student majority in all the universities of Bolivia, to make the university serve the needs of the revolutionary workers and peasants, the demand raised by the red students of the UTO of Oruro!**

We have already proved that none of these measures will come from that infamous pact of the rigged CA and the autonomies. Nor will it introduce any measures against the officer caste of the army, the murderous of the workers and peasants of Bolivia.

The hour has arrived to converge on the workers and farmers Cabildo at Cochabamba, and to hold a session there to convene a great national congress of the Miners Federation, the COB and all COD and COR, with delegates of the base.

Immediate formation of national workers and peasants militias independent of Morales and his government and all its supporters, to smash the fascist gangs of the Medialuna and the prefects of Rosca

The oligarchy and the Rosca are armed to the teeth. They have organized their fascist militias and they have recruited openly to these counter-revolutionary shock troops. The Cabildo of workers and peasants of Cochabamba, where the delegates of all the workers and peasants organizations of Bolivia meet, has a million times more legitimacy than those pacts that arm and disarm made by the Rosca and Morales behind the backs of the people in the CA, to organise workers and peasants militias, and to call on the rank and file soldiers to form committees to send their delegates to a true National Assembly, of workers, peasants and indigenous people of Bolivia, representing the massive majority of our nation. Thus we will finally bring to justice the murderous officer caste of the Armed Forces, today free and unpunished thanks to the impunity and pardon that Morales government has provided them.

It is necessary to smash the fascist bands of Reyes Villa in Cochabamba; it is necessary to enlist now at El Alto and in the Miners Federation all those workers and poor peasants who are prepared to fight for the defense of their cochabambinos brothers and sisters, and for their own class interests.

Every minute, and hour of every day, workers and peasants are suffering the blows of the fascist thugs of Medialuna. Enough! For a national military command of all workers and peasants organizations, centralized by the COB, the Miners Federation and the Cabildo of Cochabamba, to settle accounts with Reyes Villa and his thugs and to smash the fascist gangs of Santa Cruz! With the fascists we do not discuss: with the fascists we fight! But for to do this, the workers

and peasants organizations have to break with Morales and his policy of using the police and military to defend us from the fascists. On the contrary, it is the police that provides the fascists with arms and gas grenades so that they can kill the workers and poor peasants, and that in October armed the cooperativistas to kill the miners of Huanuni.

The fascists recruit their thugs publicly to defend the interests of a handful of oligarchs and expropriators of the people. The slower the workers and peasants organizations are to break with the bourgeois government of Morales and the pacts of the CA and the autonomies, the more will the Bolivian earth be irrigated with the blood of the miners, workers and poor peasants. The more time we take to build the centralized national military command of the workers and farmers organizations, the faster will the officer caste mobilize the Armed Forces to drown the revolution the heroic workers and peasants, begun in October 2003, in a blood bath. For military commands in all the miners, workers and peasants organizations in Boliviak, centralised in the Cabildo of the COD and the peasants of the region of Cochabamba!

Only a Workers' and Peasants Government, supported by the militias of the armed masses and by soldiers committees, will be able to guarantee national liberation, agrarian revolution and the bread and work for the workers



In the pact of "reconciliation" of El Alto and Santa Cruz, made by Morales and the collaborative leaders of the COR of El Alto and the church, it was the workers and poor farmers who had to yield and to drop their demands. In the rigged, undemocratic CA, the deputies of PODEMOS - representing the of cruceña and Medialuna bourgeoisie - were armed to the teeth, and

openly recruiting for their fascist bands. Today some of the allies of Morales like the prefect of La Paz, Paredes, and some of the deputies of the MAS, have switched sides and oppose the simple majority in the CA. But whether for or against a simple majority, everything is decided by 250 deputies of PODEMOS and the MAS, behind the backs of the people.

Everything is decided behind the backs of the big majority of the people, mainly the poor workers and peasants. The collaborationist leaders of the COB, the COD, and COR and the peasants organizations have forced the fighting organizations that overthrew Goni and Mesa, to beg before the CA where none of the problems of the poor and oppressed people can be resolved, and where they are used as cannon fodder in the disputes between the different bourgeois fractions.

The only true democracy of the working class and the poor farmers is the workers democracy of the organizations of the masses in struggle, where we decide how to take into our own hands the resolution of all our problems! But the collaborationist leaders were determined to wreck any independence won by our militant organisations, to neutralize and force them to kneel to the prefectures and to the

government of Morales, so that we were made to give up our power to decide our future to these gangs who conspire against the people in the rigged CA.

The pact between Morales and the bourgeoisie of the Rosca and the Medialuna, has left the real power with the transnational companies, whose General Staffs and directors, with a handful of national parasites, decide behind closed doors the destiny of Bolivia. A very small minority of directors of the transnational companies, bourgeois and oligarchs of the Medialuna, bosses politicians of MNR, the MIR and the banzerismo today re-united in PODEMOS, deputies of the MAS in the CA, Evo Morales and the Garcias Linera, they are a true band of conspirators against the people.

Morales, with the collaborationist leaders of the COB, the COD and other workers organizations, are following exactly the "advice" of Fidel Castro. In the same way that he told the workers and peasants who in the 1980s rose up, overthrew Somoza and started a revolution, that they did not have to be the new Cuba, today Fidel told Evo Morales not to make the 'errors' of Cuba, that is, not to expropriate the bourgeoisie, but on the contrary to make only a 'democratic' revolution. What is this "democratic revolution"? A handful of bloodsuckers plundering the nation and exploiting the workers and poor peasants, conspiring behind the backs of the people in the offices of the transnational companies, the imperialist embassies and the corridors of the rigged CA, to decide the destiny of Bolivia!

It could not be any other way. The CA of the pact between Morales and the MAS and the PODEMOS, cannot with a simple majority or two third majority break with imperialism, expropriate the landowners and give the land to the peasants, nor give bread and work to the workers, nor anything. This has been absolutely proven already. The only thing that the CA had done is to strengthen the Rosca so that is can begin to mobilise its power once more, and to bring about a deeper defeat for the workers and peasants.

In Bolivia, as in all semi-colonial nations, the true democratic-revolutionary tasks are the break from imperialism to win national independence, and the agrarian revolution. The gutless Bolivian national bourgeoisie of the "Andean Capitalism" which Garcia Linera speaks of, junior partner of imperialism, is absolutely incapable of solving these democratic objectives because it is intrinsically tied, by thousands of business interests, to the imperialist transnational companies. It can haggle and discuss its share of these businesses, but like the exploiting class that it is, it will never touch the property of the transnational companies. Only the working class, the one truly national class, which has no interest in any ties to imperialism, can break these chains, and lead the poor peasants and all other oppressed people in the nation to the complete realisation of those democratic tasks as part of a socialist revolution.

Only a provisional workers and peasants revolutionary government, with a victorious insurrection that overthrows the Rosca, destroys the officer caste of the armed forces, and expropriates the expropriators, can break with imperialism and win national independence, solve the agrarian problem by expropriating the landowners and redistributing the land to the poor peasants and landless, guarantee worthy work and living wages for all the workers, reclaim the hydrocarbons, minerals and all the natural resources of the nation, and resolve the problems of the vast majority of the oppressed people.

The national bourgeoisie, junior partner of imperialism, has demonstrated that it cannot even give to the peasants the equal right to vote in a free and sovereign Constituent Assembly. It cannot allow a truly free and sovereign bourgeois democratic institution, because, as soon as it acted in the interests of the huge majority of the people against the interests and the property of the imperialist transnationals and of its junior partners the national bourgeoisie, the exploiters would

use the officer caste and fascist gangs to dissolve the CA and repress any threat to their continued class rule.

For that reason, there can be no free and sovereign democratic Constituent Assembly without at the same time creating soldiers committees and arming the people, to smash the fascist gangs, disband the police, destroy the officer caste, that is to say, form a government of the poor workers and peasants who are the vast majority of the people.

The proletariat must say to the peasants to convince them of their true numerical strength, that if they really want a truly democratic and sovereign CA, the best way is to create workers and peasants militias to smash the fascists. We must explain clearly to our peasant brothers and sisters that only a provisional government of the revolutionary workers and peasants supported by the armed organisations of the masses, can dissolve the police, destroy the officer caste and allow a truly free and sovereign national CA, with one deputy elected for each 10,000 people for the whole country, recallable at any time, paid no more than a workers wage, where they can discuss democratically how to break with imperialism, expropriate the landowners and distribute the land to the peasants etc.

At the same time, we must say to them clearly that a Workers and Peasants Republic - that is to say, the dictatorship of proletariat - would be a million times more democratic than any bourgeois republic with most democratic of Constituent Assemblies, that in fact no more than the dictatorship of a handful of exploiters of the vast majority of the exploited and oppressed Bolivian people.

**A Workers Socialist Revolution, or a caricature of "revolution" called "chavista" and "bolivarian".
The internationalist Trotskyists of the ORI: standing up alongside the heroic revolt of the workers and peasants of Cochabamba**

As in Huanuni in October, today the cochabambinos class brothers and sisters are putting up a revolutionary fight. It is clear that in Bolivia today the historical alternative is between communism or fascism. Like successive pre-shocks, these confrontations herald the coming events in Bolivia, either a counter-revolutionary pact in the CA between Morales, as the representative of the national bourgeoisie, and the oligarchy of the Medialuna, that finishes off the last vestiges of the revolution; or the popular front throwing water on the fire of the masses struggle, allows the Rosca to mobilise its fascist gangs and the officer caste to go on the offensive, and the heroic revolution of the workers and peasants that began in 2003 is drowned in blood.

'This danger becomes more serious every minute, because the Bolivian masses do not have at their head the leadership they need and deserve. The crisis of revolutionary leadership of the proletariat becomes more serious each day. The renegades of Trotskyism like the POR-Lora, the LOR-Cl, the mst (ex- LIT-Cl), working with the conciliationist leaders of the COB and other organizations, have collaborated decisively in liquidating the leadership of the working class allowing those who collaborate with Morales such as Montes, Patana and others to steal the revolution. They are part of the treacherous popular front bloc that is the World Social Forum, renouncing the 4th International founded in 1938 and its program the Theses of Pulacayo that was adopted by the Bolivian miners in 1946 and which guided the revolution of 1952.

Today, more than ever, the Bolivian proletariat needs a revolutionary leadership. The internationalist Trotskyists of the ORI, members of the FLT, are a nucleus that has yet to win the authority to lead the exploited masses, but we are fighting alongside them because we want to convince the masses of the correctness of the strategy and program of Trotskyism as part of our shared experience.

But the decisive combats and confrontations which will determine the outcome of events in Bolivia are already here. There is a race to see if the heroic Bolivian proletariat can equip itself with the revolutionary leadership it needs and deserves to resolve the decisive confrontations in the heat of battle. The elements needed to create the General Staff of the revolution exist in the mines of Huanuni, the factories and the streets of the indomitable El Alto, in the revolt of the cochabambinos workers and peasants, and in the revolutionary struggles of the students of Oruro, El Alto, and Cochabamba; and in the thousands of workers who have been educated for generations by the program of Trotskyism adopted by the Bolivian working class in the Theses of Pulacayo.

As the conditions that will allow the revolutionary General Staff to form are developing, all the forces of the ORI, a member of the FLT, are being thrown into the fight to recover the COB, COD and COR as organisations of the base, as well as the organizations of the poor and landless peasants, as organs that can go from the defensive onto the offensive in Cochabamba, El Alto, and Huanuni, so that those struggles can win and re-open the road to the revolution that has been stolen by the Morales popular front.

We put all our forces into the fight to rebuild, generalize, and centralize at the national level, so that the armed organs of working class self-determination and direct democracy of the masses can prevail. Because there, in those organs, under the vigilant eyes of the masses, every day the policy and the programs are subject to the workers and peasants votes to see if they work to defend their class interests. And because of this, their experience in these organs

allows the workers and poor peasants to quickly learn how to deal with their treacherous leaders, how to get rid of them, and how to judge the correctness of the program of the revolutionaries.

In those organs, a small nucleus of internationalist revolutionaries can multiply its forces by thousands, on condition that it fights implacably against all the conciliationist leaders, speaks the truth to the masses no matter how difficult, and points out clearly, at each step, who are their allies, and who are their enemies.

We revolutionaries of the ORI, members of the FLT, have already chosen our trench in the combat: standing up next to the heroic uprising of the exploited people of Cochabamba! Standing up next to the miners of Huanuni and next to the revolutionary workers of El Alto! That is our place: we only ask for a position in the front rank of the fight, and the possibility of honestly fighting to convince the workers and the youth of the correctness of the program and strategy of revolutionary Trotskyism.

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Nicaragua:

The election of Ortega and the Sandinista ‘Wall St yuppies’ exposes the Stalinist lies of the Celia Hart

On the 5th of November, Daniel Ortega, heading the coalition of the FSLN with the Somocistas (party of the former dictator Somoza) and representatives of bourgeoisie, won the presidential elections in Nicaragua.

After 16 years, the ex-sandinista guerrilla commanders come back into power in Nicaragua to impose the double chains of Yankee imperialism and CAFTA (Free Trade Agreement of Central America), which will turn Nicaragua into a giant assembly plant to enslave and exploit the working masses of that country, the second poorest in Latin America, after Haiti, and to transform it into a Yankee protectorate.

The electoral victory of Ortega is connected to the big pacifist wave that saw the Democrats win the mid-term election to prevent a real anti-war movement from developing. Thus the Nicaraguan workers and peasants have been fooled into thinking that the Sandinistas can appeal to the US Democrats to win concessions from US imperialism.

On the contrary, as Ortega has admitted, the Sandinistas are now a bourgeois party whose task is to administer the businesses of the bourgeoisie – as they are doing already in local body politics, strengthening CAFTA so that the Yankee imperialists can make big profits by exploiting the assembly workers like slaves and forcing many Nicaraguan workers to enter the United States illegally.

During the election campaign Ortega aligned himself with the “Bolivarian Revolution”, in order to deceive the masses, and to increase business opportunities with the countries of the Mercosur. His electoral victory was greeted by Fidel Castro and by Hugo Chávez, who had already promised to provide Nicaragua with cheap oil, and by all the Stalinists, Castroists and other promoters of the fraudulent “Bolivarian Revolution” who belong to the World Social Forum.

Almost 20 years after selling out the revolution, the “Sandinista yuppies” students of Fidel Castro and the Cuban restauracionista bureaucracy won the elections,

It is necessary to say clearly that the victorious Sandinistas, like the FMLN of El Salvador, are now recycled as yuppies of Wall Street. Along with Fidel Castro they betrayed the Nicaraguan and

Salvadoran revolutions in the mid 1980's by making the counter-revolutionary agreements of Esquipulas and Contadora.

So when the exploited masses rose up in a general strike on the 19 of July, 1979, and overthrew the dictatorship of Somoza, the Sandinistas came to power on the crest of that wave. They expropriated the properties of the Somocistas but refused to expropriate the imperialist monopolies and bourgeois property, introducing a “mixed economy” that resembles that of the Castroite bureaucracy plan for capitalist restoration in Cuba.

Then when the masses fought heroically defeated the Contras armed by US imperialism, at the costs of 100,000s of lives, the Sandinistas, like the leaders of the FMLN of the Salvador, negotiated a deal with the US brokered by Fidel Castro, that sold out the military victory of the masses by turning the FSLN into a legal political party and agreeing to “free elections”. As a result, the bourgeoisie staged a counter-revolution and its candidate, Chamorro Violet, won the 1990 election. In El Salvador, the FMLN also became a legal political party, and the majority of its guerrilla army was integrated into the counter-revolutionary regular army of the bourgeois state.

These are the “brilliant graduates” of the Castro school of counter-revolution who now come to take their prizes. Thus, Daniel Ortega, the flamboyant president of the new bourgeois government of Nicaragua, on the 1st of May last, appeared alongside Fidel Castro in Havana at the celebration of the workers international day. Then on the 2nd of December he returned to Cuba to participate in the festivities for the anniversary of the disembarkation of the Granma and the postponed birthday celebration of Fidel.

We say clearly: Ortega and the Sandinistas are a bourgeois current, and, like most of the Stalinist and petty bourgeois populists who have come to power in recent decades in Latin America, have no problem in governing with one foot in Wall Street and Washington, and another foot in Havana. Indeed for Daniel Ortega, as for Chávez, their “model” is that of the Castro bureaucracy as it prepares to complete the restoration of capitalism in Cuba and turn itself into a new bourgeoisie.

So on the 2nd of December, Raul Castro called on the victorious Democrats to negotiate a deal between US imperialism and the Cuban regime. What possible problem could Ortega have with the Castroite bureaucracy that has already made joint-ventures with

imperialist transnationals to mine nickel, in tourism, foreign trade, and Cuban oil; that uses "chavitos", a currency that is pegged to the dollar for business deals and which can be sent offshore as super-profits, while the vast majority of workers are paid in devalued Pesos?

The tragic lesson of Nicaragua: only the victorious workers and peasants revolution can will free the nation from imperialism

Once again, the tragedy of the working class and the exploited peoples of Nicaragua, serve as a fundamental lesson to the Latin American and world proletariat.

Only the victory of the proletarian revolution, where the working class leading the poor peasants and all nationally oppressed peoples, behind a revolutionary party and program, overthrows the bourgeois state and expropriates the bourgeoisie, replacing it with a workers and peasants government based on the self-organized and armed masses, can free the nation from imperialism.

Only such a revolution that unites the Latin America, North America and the world, with the aim of creating a Socialist United States of Central and South America, can free the heroic Nicaraguan proletariat from misery, backwardness and the near barbaric conditions resulting from imperialist super-exploitation and plunder.

On the contrary, the national bourgeois leaders, or the petty bourgeoisie stalinists like the FSLN, betray the heroic revolutionary and anti-imperialist fights such as that of the Nicaraguan proletariat, strangling their revolutions, stabbing them in the back, so that the country remains dominated by imperialism and subject to the loss of the most basic workers rights.

The tragic lesson of Nicaragua, then, is today the burning issue for the workers, peasants and exploited of not only Latin America but the whole semi-colonial world, where the Stalinists, Castroites, fake Trotskyists joined with the reformists in the World Social Forum, call on them to support the "nationalist" bourgeois and the "patriotic" military leaders like Evo Morales, Chávez and now Correa in Ecuador.

Because there, in Nicaragua, we see today the terrible result of this political treachery of class collaboration. For years, these traitors called on workers to support, sometimes 'critically', the "revolutionary" Sandanista guerrilla commanders. The Morenist current even called the Sandinistas the "Jacobin Party" of the Nicaraguan revolution. And where are they? Ortega, the yuppie of Wall Street today administers the CAFTA and the slave labour maquila assembly plants.

The second lesson of the Nicaraguan tragedy: it unmasks the impostor Celia Hart Santamaría and the "left wing" of the restorationist Castroite bureaucracy

The Nicaraguan elections demonstrate clearly that the masses will pay the price of defeat and continued submission to imperialism by following the cynical ideas of Celia Hart Santamaría in defence of the Castro bureaucracy.

She has hailed Trotsky as a "revolutionary", following the lead of the fake Trotskyists who have falsified the legacy of the 4th International to paint Castro as the greatest living revolutionary, thus concealing the Cuban regime's drive to restore capitalism, and legitimizing the fraud of the "Bolivarian Revolution" which is organizing and centralizing the counter-revolution in Latin America.

But so open and shamelessly blatant is the betrayal of the recycled stalinism and Castroism serving the bourgeoisie, as is clear in the case of the Sandinistas, it is becoming more and more difficult for Celia Hart to justify in name of the "Trotskyism", the most terrible class treachery against the working class.

So in the case of Nicaragua, Celia Hart admits in her article "The Pink elections of Nicaragua" that she has to spend much time thinking how to justify the fact that the "adored" Fidel gave his support to Daniel Ortega and the FSLN when this "celebrates the victory of the front between the FSLN and the neoliberal right of Montealegre" - that "has more than most parties of the region has turned so much to the right".

...me he tardado tanto en escribir pensando en eso. No sólo por la devoción que le tengo (a Fidel Castro, NdeR) mucho más en estas circunstancias concretas en que se encuentra su salud, mas en las noches de insomnio, debatiéndome en este dilema, volví a pensar que una cosa es el Presidente de Estado Fidel Castro, al que por supuesto le alegra que un gobierno neoliberal sea derrotado en la región, sean cual sean las circunstancias; y otro es mi Comandante de verde olivo, que a diferencia de Daniel Ortega nunca se ha cambiado su traje, a ése que sufre por cada niño o mujer que muere en el mundo; que abre la puerta de nuestros escasos recursos para los pobres, a ése para el cual la política es la verdad y nos ha enseñado a ser honestos...a ése es al que le debo entera lealtad".

How does this imposter explain Castro's support for Daniel Ortega? ... It is clear that it cannot resort to any argument from the arsenal of Trotskyism, not even by falsifying it. She has no choice but to resort to the classic justifications of Stalinism. She says [loosely translated]:

... I think that President Fidel Castro is pleased to see a neoliberal government defeated in the region, and that unlike Daniel Ortega, [Fidel] has never changed his fatigues and cares about each boy or woman who dies in the world. He offers the limited resources of Cuba to the poor people, and because he is honest and truthful about this I owe him my loyalty."

This is the same ridiculous argument that was made more than 30 years ago in the 1970s. The Stalinists followed the orders of the Moscow bureaucracy to support this or that bourgeois government against imperialism. For example the PC in Argentina justified its support of the Videla's dictatorship on the grounds that he was a "democratic general" who as head of state would trade with the USSR etc.

But there is no way that Celia Hart Santamaría can pass off this argument as Trotskyist! On the contrary Trotskyism represents today the living example of Bolshevism and the experience of revolutionary Soviet Russia which signed the peace treaty at Brest-Litovsk. To end the imperialist war that was bleeding the soviets to death the Bolsheviks were forced to deal with German imperialism in very disadvantageous conditions. But they never saluted the Kaiser as a "democratic monarch"! On the contrary they explained to the world that they signed the peace treaty with a pistol at their heads, and called on the German proletariat to reject the treaty and to rise up and overthrow the German imperialists.

Today, after the Stalinists have sold out the workers states to capitalist restoration; after decades of Castroite betrayals of the Latin American revolution, and giving support to the pro-imperialist bourgeois governments such as that of Kirchner or Tabaré Vázquez; when the Stalinists are unmasks as the "red alpacas" by the insurgent youth in Chile; when Ortega and the Sandinistas openly sell out the Nicaraguan revolution by joining a bourgeois government; the old arguments and justifications of Stalinism pulled out of the waste basket by Celia Hart no longer they deceive the advanced workers or youth. Only the fake Trotskyists, kneeling before the Castroite bureaucracy are able "to swallow (and taste) the toad" i.e. believe the lies of their leader, the Castroite imposter Celia Hart Santamaría.



WHAT WE FIGHT FOR

We fight to overthrow Capitalism

Historically, capitalism expanded world-wide to free much of humanity from the bonds of feudal or tribal society, and developed the economy, society and culture to a new higher level. But it could only do this by exploiting the labour of the productive classes to make its profits. To survive, capitalism became increasingly destructive of "nature" and humanity. In the early 20th century it entered the epoch of imperialism in which successive crises unleashed wars, revolutions and counter-revolutions. Today we fight to end capitalism's wars, famine, oppression and injustice, by mobilising workers to overthrow their own ruling classes and bring to an end the rotten, exploitative and oppressive society that has exceeded its use-by date.

We fight for Socialism.

By the 20th century, capitalism had created the pre-conditions for socialism –a world-wide working class and modern industry capable of meeting all our basic needs. The potential to eliminate poverty, starvation, disease and war has long existed. The October Revolution proved this to be true, bringing peace, bread and land to millions. But it became the victim of the combined assault of imperialism and Stalinism. After 1924 the USSR, along with its deformed offspring in Europe, degenerated back towards capitalism. In the absence of a workers political revolution, capitalism was restored between 1990 and 1992. Vietnam and China then followed. In the 21st century only Cuba and North Korea survive as degenerate workers states. We unconditionally defend these states against capitalism and fight for political revolution to overthrow the bureaucracy as part of world socialism.

We fight to defend Marxism

While the economic conditions for socialism exist today, standing between the working class and socialism are political, social and cultural barriers. They are the capitalist state and bourgeois ideology and its agents. These agents claim that Marxism is dead and capitalism need not be exploitative. We say that Marxism is a living science that explains both capitalism's continued exploitation and its attempts to hide class exploitation behind the appearance of individual "freedom" and "equality". It reveals how and why the reformist, Stalinist and centrist misleaders of the working class tie workers to bourgeois ideas of nationalism, racism, sexism and equality. Such false beliefs will be exploded when the struggle against the inequality, injustice, anarchy and barbarism of capitalism in crisis, led by a revolutionary Marxist party, produces a revolutionary class-consciousness.

We fight for a Revolutionary Party

The bourgeois and its agents condemn the Marxist party as totalitarian. We say that without a democratic and a centrally organised party there can be no

revolution. We base our beliefs on the revolutionary tradition of Bolshevism and Trotskyism. Such a party, armed with a *transitional programme*, forms a bridge that joins the daily fight to defend all the past and present gains won from capitalism, to the victorious socialist revolution. Defensive struggles for bourgeois rights and freedoms, for decent wages and conditions, will link up the struggles of workers of all nationalities, genders, ethnicities and sexual orientations, bringing about movements for workers control, political strikes and the arming of the working class, as necessary steps to workers' power and the smashing of the bourgeois state. Along the way, workers will learn that each new step is one of many in a long march to revolutionise every barrier put in the path to the victorious revolution.

We fight for Communism.

Communism stands for the creation of a classless, stateless society beyond socialism that is capable of meeting all human needs. Against the ruling class lies that capitalism can be made "fair" for all; that nature can be "conserved"; that socialism and communism are "dead"; we raise the red flag of communism to keep alive the revolutionary tradition of the *Communist Manifesto* of 1848, the Bolshevik-led October Revolution; the Third Communist International until 1924, the revolutionary Fourth International up to 1940 before its collapse into centrism. We fight to build a new, Fifth, Communist International, as a world party of socialism capable of leading workers to a victorious struggle for socialism.

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